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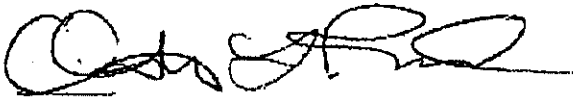
To whom it may concern;

I am writing this letter on behalf of my daughter and the recent care she received for a recent grade one concussion at Dr. Frederick Barks, MS, DC, CCSP office. My daughter, Naomi has had a concussion in the past where she was treated at Boston Mass General Concussion Clinic, the care there was thorough and I feel my daughter was well cared for.

However during this last concussion after speaking with Dr. Barks and learning that he has been educated not only in Sports Medicine but had been trained thoroughly in concussion testings and treatment of we decided to have him evaluate Naomi. I will say that I feel his preliminary testing for her concussion were very thorough even more so than Mass General had been, I was very impressed to say the least. Next was the treatment plan to get her back on her feet in the safest way possible. His outline was very clear and Naomi was up and back in school within one weeks time, we had 2-3 follow up visits weekly until he cleared her. This is where the confusion comes into play the school would not accept his written clearance of my daughter to play her sports, take her gym class etc stating that chiropractors are not recognized as licensed health care providers, so they are unable to return the athletes to play. This seems unjust to me, The chiropractic care that we received was managed with all the appropriate guidelines for concussions how to treat, steps of treatment, which then leads to the Dr to return athletes to play. If they can give the treatment, I feel they should be recognized.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions regarding this matter.
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Sincerely,



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